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## **Idaho Producers/Handlers Eligible for Organic Certification Reimbursement**

Boise – The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) is accepting applications from certified organic producers and handlers in Idaho for reimbursement of 75 percent of certification costs up to \$750. Reimbursement for certification costs paid between October 1, 2008 and September 30, 2009, will be reimbursed in the order they are received and until the funds are exhausted or the eligibility period ends, whichever comes first.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is authorized to provide cost share assistance to producers and handlers of agricultural products in obtaining certification under the USDA National Organic Program. The cost share program was contained in the 2008 Farm Bill. The Idaho Organic Program of the ISDA will administer dissemination of these funds to eligible Idaho certified organic producers and handlers. To qualify, producers and handlers must be certified by a USDA accredited certification agency and the operation or facility must be located in Idaho.

An application form is posted on the ISDA website at: [www.agri.idaho.gov](http://www.agri.idaho.gov)

For additional information on the cost share reimbursement program, contact Linda Georgiev (208) 332-8681.